

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DATE:

v.

CRIMINAL NO. 03-

ALFRED LUCIEN

VIOLATION: 16 U.S.C. § 470ee
(Theft in violation of the
Archaeological Resources
Protection Act-1 Count)

INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

1. The National Park Service was created in 1916 to preserve among other things the natural and historic objects within national parks, and to preserve these public lands unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

2. On the bicentennial of Independence Day, July 4, 1776, Valley Forge National Historical Park was established to preserve and commemorate the land on which the soldiers of the Continental Army endured during the difficult winter of 1778-1779. The Park honors the suffering, hardship, determination and resolve of heroic proportions by soldiers under the leadership of General George Washington and ultimately uniting under his leadership after a winter's encampment at Valley Forge, to become a disciplined, supplied and trained American army.

3. The Valley Forge National Historical Park is on the Register of Historic Places in recognition of its importance as a site that has and is likely to yield archeological properties of the highest significance, relating to the Revolutionary encampment of General Washington's army at the site. As a result, unapproved

excavation and removal of archaeological resources is unlawful.

4. Some areas of Valley Forge National Historical Park have been more protected by forest, woods from damage and destruction of archaeological resources than others. These include the area of the Pennsylvania Brigades' encampment at the area known as "Wayne Woods," which bordered the outer defensive line of the revolutionary troops against possible British invasion.

5. On or about August 27, 2000, at Wayne's Woods in Valley Forge National Historical Park, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

ALFRED LUCIEN

without having previously applied for or been issued a permit, knowingly excavated 20 holes within an on-going authorized excavation site at Wayne's Woods and removed archaeological resources each of which was over 100 years old, including a cartridge belt buckle, brass stud, two-piece locket, iron fastener, musket ball and pewter button, located on public land, where the value of the items excavated and the repair and restoration of the public land collectively exceeded \$500.

In violation of Title 16, United States Code, Section 470ee.

A TRUE BILL:

FOREPERSON

PATRICK L. MEEHAN
United States Attorney